

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**HIGHLY DURABLE HYDROPHOBIC COATINGS AND METHODS**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
46 pages of specification and claims (including 70 numbered claims), and  
4 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/236,335, filed September 29, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
☐ The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.  
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.  
☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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